

ANNUAL REPORT 2012-2013

Introduction

The Carcross Tagish Renewable Resources Council was established in February 2010. The fiscal year 2012-2013 was the third year of operation for the Council.

Our area of responsibility encompasses a wide region commonly referred to as the Southern Lakes. Four very distinct communities lie within the boundaries of the Carcross Tagish First Nation Traditional Territory: Carcross, Tagish, Marsh Lake and Mount Lorne.

Mandate

The CTRRC, established under the Carcross Tagish First Nation Final Agreement, is the local advisory body for fish, wildlife, forestry and land use in the Carcross Tagish First Nation Settlement area.

The Council strives to be the voice of the Community in managing local renewable resources.

The Council provides strong input into planning and regulation processes by raising public awareness of specific issues and by providing local and traditional information.

The Council also plays an important advisory role to territorial, federal and First Nations governments and the Yukon Fish & Wildlife Management Board.

Membership

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| Albert James, Co-chair | Nov. 8, 2012 – Nov. 7, 2015 | CTFN Nomination |
| Ken Reeder, Co-chair | Nov. 1, 2010 – Oct. 31, 2013 | Yukon Gov't Nomination |
| Patrick James | Jan. 13, 2012 – Oct. 31, 2014 | CTFN Nomination |
| Randy Taylor | Dec. 20, 2012 – Dec. 19, 2015 | Yukon Gov't Nomination |
| Edna Helm | Nov. 1, 2010 – Oct. 31, 2013 | CTFN Nomination |
| Don Toews | Mar. 8, 2012 – Mar. 7, 2015 | Yukon Gov't Nomination |
| Ted Hall (Alternate) | Jan. 13, 2012 – Nov. 7, 2015 | CTFN Nomination |
| Blair Corley (Alternate) | Sept. 8, 2010 – Sept. 7, 2013 | Yukon Gov't Nomination |

Highlights

The Council:

- continued to enjoy positive working and information sharing relationships with government biologists and conservations officers, and CTFN Lands personnel;
- developed a Communications Strategy to guide CTRRC public awareness advertising and participation at community events;
- launched a public awareness campaign, “Don’t Lose It, Use It!” offering salvage options for freezer burned meat and fish;
- developed the concept and undertook preliminary planning for a multi-jurisdictional *On the Land Gathering*;
- finalized the “Trapline Allocation Guidelines”;
- provided feedback and comments on a range of proposed legislative and policy changes including: “*Resource Access Framework*”; “*2012 Lubbock Valley Timber Harvest Plan*”, “*Yukon Wildlife Act*”, and Federal “*Species at Risk Act*”;
- five Council members represented the CTRRC at the *Carcross Tagish First Nation Open House*;
- two Council member attended the *Mountain Pine Beetle* workshop;
- six Council member(s) attended the *YESAB 101: Navigating the Process* workshop
- one Council member participated in the *Yukon River Panel in Season Management Teleconferences*;
- two Council members attended the *Marsh Lake Land Use Ideas* workshop;
- one Council member attended the *Carcross Local Area Plan* workshop;
- three Council members attended the *2012 Yukon North Slope Conference*;
- two Council members attended the *Yukon Fish and Wildlife Management Board AGM*; and
- one Council member attended the *Wolf Snaring Workshop*.

Challenges

- The vastness of the region, four distinct population centres, and wide-ranging priorities for the residents of each community continue to present a variety of logistical challenges for the Council.
- Due primarily to its close proximity to the Yukon’s major population centre, the Southern Lakes region is under constant pressure from a variety of factions wanting to use, occupy and develop land and natural resources in the area. This continuing pressure has disturbed wildlife patterns and fish populations, and jeopardized the sustainability of traditional lifestyles and activities.

Office Administration:

- The Council office, centrally located in the Tagish Community Centre is staffed two days per week.
- The Office Administrator undertakes all facets of the day-to-day administrative duties.
- Bookkeeping services are provided by a private contractor.

- Council engaged the professional services of an Auditor.

Council Administration

- Regular Meetings: The CTRRC held 12 regular meetings
- Special Meetings: The CTRRC held one Special meetings
- Four Council members and the Office Administrator attended the RRC Annual General Workshop held in Whitehorse.

Projects

1. Land Use Applications:

The CTRRC reviewed 20 applications to the Yukon Environmental & Social Economic Assessment Board and Yukon Lands Branch for projects with potential impacts to fish and wildlife within the traditional territory. We consulted with CTFN Lands and submitted comments on 12 projects.
(see Appendix 1)

Budget Variance:

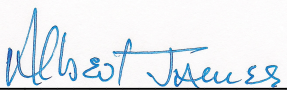

Overall, the CTRRC ended the fiscal year under-budget. Our surplus as of March 31, 2013 was \$228,930.

Some anticipated projects were not completed as expected therefore funds earmarked for these projects remained unspent at year end.

Summary:

The Council continued to: build relationships with local area planning organizations and stakeholders to support the advancement of common area of concern; make informed and responsible recommendations to governments and management agencies regarding fish, wildlife and their habitat; and engage the communities in participative renewable resources management.

While Council was not able to complete some proposed projects Council, they are looking forward to another challenging and productive year ahead.

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|  | <u>September 9, 2013</u> |
| Albert James, Co-Chair | Date |
|  | <u>September 9, 2013</u> |
| Ken Reeder, Co-Chair | Date |

Appendix 1:**Summary of 2012-2013 YESAB and YTG Lands applications within CTFN Traditional Territory reviewed by CTRRC:**

| | Project # | Proponent | Project Name |
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| 1. | 2011-0289 | Helen and Craig Smith | Loot 146 Enlargement – Judas Creek Subdivision |
| 2. | 2012-0074 | Gold World Resources | Quartz Exploration – Mt. Anderson |
| 3. | 2012-0090 | Carcross/Tagish Development Corp | MacDonald Creek Access Trail |
| 4. | 2012-0104 | Sourdough Resources Inc. | Quartz Exploration – MAG Property |
| 5. | 2012-0169 | YG, Energy, Mines & Resources | McGowan Lands Geotechnical Evaluation |
| 6. | 2012-0107 | YG Department of Highways | Development of Stockpile Area at Jake's Corner |
| 7. | 2012-0821 | Myron and Shelly Penner | Lot Enlargement: Tagish Estates |
| 8. | 2012-1201 | Alexander Pope and Lois Moorcroft | Lot Enlargement, Km 4 Annie Lake Road |
| 9. | 2012-0174 | Yukon Electrical Company Ltd. | Power Line to Lot 1068 Robinson Subdivision |
| 10. | 2012-0187 | Yukon Electrical Company Ltd. | YECL Powerline to Lot 1014, 10 km east of Jake's Corner |
| 11. | 2012-0203 | YG, Community Services | Carcross Flood Abatement Works |
| 12. | 2012-0209 | Greg Kubica | Rural Residential near Km 1316.5 Alaska Highway |
| 13. | 2012-0212 | Gary Brown | Water Lot Lease, Lot 48 Tagish River Road |
| 14. | 2012-0219 | Joel Hackney | Lot 26 Extension South McClintock Subdivision |
| 15. | 2012-0228 | Jean Allaire | Lot 54 Enlargement, New Constabulary, Marsh Lake |
| 16. | 2012-0781 | McKenna/Murray | Lot Enlargement Km 3 Annie Lake Road |
| 17. | 2013-0040 | Lopushinsky | Lot Enlargement, Lot 742 Johnston Road |
| 18. | 2013-0081 | Jerry McLachlan | Rip Rap Repair and Dock: 38 Grayling Place |
| 19. | 2013-0060 | Mary Dugas | Erosion Control, 38A McClintock |
| 20. | 2013-0029 | Yukon Electrical Company Ltd. | Tagish Powerline Rebuild Km 20-23.7 |